Official Minutes City Of Lorenzo, TX August 11, 2025

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Lori Landin called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Earlene Rampy, Cheryl Birdwell, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Rhonda Cypert and Steven Longoria. Also present were City Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar, Fire Chief Joe Caballero, Crosby County Sheriff Corey Nunley, County Deputy Chris King and guests.

Lorenzo City Council Member Earlene Rampy gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lori Landin.

Public Comment: - Karin Furnish states her name and address. I am here to make a suggestion to the City Council. I understand that next Tuesday the City will be having the demolition at 508 Harrison and part in front of that building is a sign that was done by the Lorenzo Manufacturing Company which was presented to the City and I would like to make a suggestion and since the city is going to be paying to take those buildings down that they be allowed to move the sign possibly to the end of the old lumber yard on the part of the building that has the solid wall that faces Harrison and make it it's permanent home, welcoming anyone that comes into our town to the City of Lorenzo and possibly when we do that if the city decides to do something like that to take an area and paint where you have a border on the top and the bottom maybe in black and the other part of it purple for the colors of Lorenzo High and then put the sign on top of it. That's just a suggestion so that we still have the sign.

Regular Agenda:

- Review/Approve July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Earlene Rampy motioned to approve the minutes of July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for July 2025. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the July 2025 Financial Reports. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 3. Staff Reports:

{Staff reports are for discussion only. No Motion.}			
a.	City Administrator Report:	Michael Chambers	
b.	Crosby County Sheriff Report:	Corey Nunley	
	Fire Department Report:	Joe Caballero	
d.	Economic Development Advisory Committee Report:		Tammy Wilking

Mayor Lori Landin: We got together last Monday we had an economic development committee meeting we got together and elected officers and unfortunately the officer the chair could not be here and I will name them and I will see if the one that is here will speak. The Chair is Dillon Spangler, Vice Chair is Tammy Wilking, Secretary is Rachel Mendoza, and Treasurer is Tanya Kelsey and with that said do you want to since the Vice Chair is here, would you like to say something Tammy since we met and again visited this past Friday again and just the committee and as the Mayor as an advisor so would you like to say something about that please. Tammy Wilking: The only thing that I would like to say as an advisory committee we are not part of the City Council so there is a difference so there is a difference between the economic development committee under the City Council and we are not in any situation we are not part of the City Council. There is a difference otherwise, but we do want to help our city develop some things and stuff we really do this city needs a lot of help so we want to be a part of that yes. We are not one to answer to the City Council but yes, we do want to help the city. Y'all take that as y'all want. Mayor Lori Landin: so yes, the committee decided to go the nonprofit way and then that way they can file it as a 501c3 and then that way they can get donations from bigger companies or just individuals to see what we can do to help the city with projects or with anything like that and also try to bring economic development growth. So yes, we met and Dillion is in the process of getting the 501c3 filed and we will meet on the first Monday of each month but it will be at the community center at six o'clock so anyone is welcome to come on the first Monday of the month

at six o'clock at the community center to give some input and developers that want to hear or anything like that on economic development to make it grow as you know downtown on the westside almost gone so trying to bring some new development and with that said do we have any questions or anything?

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

- **4.** Consider and approve the audit presentation from Terry & King of FY 24-25. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve the audit for FY 24-25 from Terry & King. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 5. Consider and approve bids to replace up to 3 fire hydrants. Presentation from Jacob & Martin. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve the bid from Roberts Ditching LLC from Canyon for the projects at 4th Street & Lincoln, and 4th Street & Adams. Council Member Steven Longoria seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 6. Consider and take action on the New Home Program, and other program opportunities. Presentation by SPAG. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motions for the city to look into the program and other program opportunities by SPAG. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 7. Consider a proposed Tax Rate for FY 2026-2027. Council Member Steven Longoria motions to the purposed tax rate of 0.924766 for FY 2026-2027. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one abstained, motion passed.
- 8. Consider allowing the City Manager to sell the city owned solar panels of the old city hall. Tabled for next meeting. No Motion, Discussion Only.

Adjournment - City Mayor Lori Landin adjourns the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Lisa Hernandez City Socretory

Lori Landin, City Mayor